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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, Applicants respond to the Double Patenting rejection by filing the attached Terminal Disclaimer over commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,723,039.

As the only objections raised were for Double Patenting, Applicants believe that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance and request that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

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If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

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Attachments: Terminal Disclaimer '039

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